

IN THE CLAIMS

- 1 1. (currently amended) A hole former for a manhole with an invert comprising:
2 a hole former having an outside diameter wall, a first inside diameter wall with a
3 length substantially the length of the outside diameter wall and a second inside diameter wall
4 having a smaller diameter than the first diameter and forming a shoulder inside the hole
5 former where the first and second inside diameter walls meet,
6 an alignment member with an aperture along the length of the central axis through the
7 alignment member, the alignment member having an outside diameter wall, a front wall and a
8 rear wall, the outside diameter wall of the alignment member nests snugly inside the hole
9 former first inside diameter wall along its entire length with the front wall engaging the
10 shoulder on the inside of the hole former,
11 an invert mold having an outside wall for engaging the rear wall of the alignment
12 member, the invert mold having an invert pipe portion with a tube aligned on the central axis
13 of the invert pipe portion, the tube extending through a portion of the invert pipe portion a
14 distance such that when the central axis through the alignment member is aligned with the
15 tube in the invert mold a desirably aligned hole in the manhole results for making pipe
16 connections thereto,
17 a bar for inserting in the aperture of the alignment member and the invert mold tube
18 for aligning the hole former with the invert mold.

- 1 2.(original) A hole former for a manhole with an invert as in claim 1 wherein,
2 the alignment member and hole former are integral.

- 1 3. (canceled)

1 4. (currently amended) A hole former for a manhole with an invert as in claim 3 1
2 wherein,
3 a threaded portion of the bar engages a threaded portion of the tube to secure the hole
4 former to the invert mold.

1 5. (previously presented) A hole former for a manhole with an invert as in claim 1
2 wherein,
3 the alignment member has a spacer portion for displacing the hole former from the
4 invert mold pipe portion and mating therewith.